



HAPPY ENDING: When two-year-old Paul Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harris, route 1, Covert, went on an extended walk Monday, he signaled the start of a search by state police troopers from the South Haven post and Van Buren county sheriff deputies. The youngster's mother called police after she missed her son at about 11:30 a.m. Police had requested a search dog from the Niles post and a helicopter was put on standby then the blond youngster and the three family dogs came

strolling down a country road, obviously not bothered by all the commotion generated by his excited parents and the search party. The youth had been gone about an hour and a half. Sgt. Glenn Foster, commander of state police post at South Haven, talks with strolling youngster. Searchers standing are (from left) Deputy Henry VanDyken, Sgt. Mel Osment, Paw Paw, and a neighbor. (Tom Renner photo)

Romney Cuts His Pay In War On Inflation

NEW YORK (AP) — Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs George Romney announced Monday a self-imposed 25 per cent cut in his \$60,000 a year salary, "as my personal contribution to the battle against cost-push inflation."

"I urge you, your peers and your superiors to join me," the multimillionaire Cabinet member told the second annual collective bargaining forum, a gathering of leaders in the fields of labor, industry and education.

"Your example, your sacrifice," he added, "could have a tangible effect in slowing the wage-cost-price spiral."

"Most of you are private leaders, not governmental leaders. In a free nation, private action can still be more effective than public action. For example, in the last few years, Ralph Nader, despite his mistakes, has done more for American con-

sumers than anyone in official life—including Congress."

A former president of American Motors, Romney told a subsequent news conference that turning back to the government \$15,000 of his annual salary would "hurt."

But he went on: "As I found at American Motors, example has a tremendous effect on associates and employees. I don't think there is anything more effective than example."

In Washington, a treasury official said Romney can return part of his salary by simply making out a check for that amount to the government. The money returned would be tax deductible, the spokesman said, adding: "It is treated as a gift and the money goes into the general fund of the Treasury."

was during the depression of the 1930s.

In his speech, Romney said the Nixon administration has taken essential first steps, fiscal and monetary, towards controlling inflation. But he continued: "Neither fiscal nor monetary controls deal directly with the management-labor-consumer relationship. In my opinion we must deal with that aspect for fighting inflation."

Romney urged that as an immediate step Nixon "lay it on the line with labor and business about the need to bring wage and price actions back into line with productivity improvement by the earliest possible date."

In the long run, the former Michigan governor saw a need for "modernization of outdated labor laws," saying an imbalance in labor's favor had "greatly weakened management's resistance to excessive contract settlements."

"We also need a vigorous an-



GEORGE ROMNEY
Secretary of HUD

trust policy," Romney declared.

He also cited price maintenance laws and government regulations of utilities, which he said "effectively prevent direct price competition on many fronts and help generate lethargic industries largely unresponsive to consumer interests."

Chief Justice Warns About 'Overreaction'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice Warren E. Burger cautioned today against a judicial overreaction to rebellious defendants and others challenging the American system of justice. "Some say that we must 'crack down,' that we must 'smash' the challengers and restore tight discipline," Burger said in a speech prepared for

the American Law Institute.

"In periods of stress there are always some voices raised urging that we suspend fundamental guarantees and take shortcuts as a matter of self-protection."

"But this is not our way of doing things short of a giant national emergency."

The chief justice told the assembled lawyers, judges and law professors that Americans have never been a tightly disciplined people and the nation's legal structure consequently has been more relaxed than in many other countries.

"If this has negative aspects," he said, "it also gives us a resiliency to tide us over and enable us to meet any crisis as it arises. We will respond slowly but that is the nature of a democratic society."

"In those few periods of our history when we suspended basic guarantees of the individual in times of great national emergency we often found, in retrospect, that we had overreacted."

Burger said the Supreme Court responded to disruptive trials with the unanimous decision March 31 upholding the power of judges to maintain order.

"It would be foolhardy not to be concerned about the turmoil and strife and violence we witness, much of it mindless and devoid of constructive ends," he said.

"But concern must not give way to panic."

"The chief justice said he is optimistic American institutions are durable enough to surmount any attack. And he said 'we need urgently to find ways to convince the young that progress is not made in great leaps.'"

Burger said systems of justice are under challenge throughout the world, reflecting an uneasy temper of the times.

"This is an era which we will not fully understand until it is over," he said, "but meanwhile we must cope with events, with a seeming weakening of some



WARREN E. BURGER
U.S. Chief Justice

institutions, and attacks on institutions, and the inability of even our great centers of learning to maintain the confidence of many students or to preserve that order without which no progress or development is possible."

He added: "Of more immediate relevance to us as lawyers is that gnawing doubt whether our system of justice, especially criminal justice, is sturdy enough to withstand the assaults which are leveled at it, in and out of courtrooms."

MSU GETS TOUGH ON PROTESTORS BY WORD, DEED

Police Grab 132 For Trespassing

Wharton Cites High Cost Of Demonstrations

EAST LANSING (AP) — Police report that 130 adults and two juveniles were arrested early today after demonstrators occupied the Union Building on the Michigan State University campus.

They were held on informal charges of loitering and trespassing according to officials, after being taken into custody quietly and without any reported violence.

MSU President Clifton Wharton charged that many of the demonstrators were not students, adding "It is an understatement to say that they have no legitimate cause which could in any way justify their actions."

\$60,000 COST
Wharton said that campus demonstrations since May 1 have cost "more than a dollar and a half per student," or about \$60,000.

"Every dollar spent," Wharton said, "is a dollar that is not available for student aid or services... It is the students who have had no part in these activities who in the long run will suffer the most."

Wharton said "the great majority" of students are trying to secure an education while "these irresponsible few take to the night to maraud."

Wharton Monday refused a demand by student group calling itself "Action Group Against Racism" that the university be closed today. Wharton called such a closure "tokenism" and said he has been working with black students and faculty on a "more permanent and constructive response to the needs of blacks on campus."

He said that the majority of black students had declined to join the radical group.

A meeting is scheduled today among black students and faculty members.

Wharton has proposed that the MSU community raise funds to construct an off-campus black cultural center.

University officials summoned East Lansing police about 1:30 a.m. today after demonstrators remained in the student union after 11 p.m. closing time.

WINDOWS SMASHED

Windows in several campus buildings and the IBM Building nearby were reported smashed out.

Wharton said "The university community cannot tolerate such wanton violence."

"In the face of these repeated provocations, it had no choice but to act to protect the right of students and faculty to pursue their educational activities."



SUPT. MARK E. LEWIS
Blames Black And White Racists

Democrat To Run For Legislature

Miss Margaret Crisnal's Bonnet In Ring

Miss Margaret (Peg) Crisnal today made it official — she's a candidate for the Democratic nomination for state representative in the 44th district.

Miss Crisnal said in March she was "seriously considering" seeking nomination. The post she seeks is currently held by Ray C. Mittan, Benton Harbor Republican, a certain candidate for re-election.

SEEKS REFORM

Miss Crisnal believes it is time that women become more involved in politics. If elected, she would seek legislative reform in such areas as education, welfare, pollution and environment control, human rights and problems relating to the cities.

For the past five years executive director of the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor YWCA, Miss Crisnal, 38, formerly was assistant professor in health



MARGARET CRISNAL

and physical education at De Pauw university, in Chicago. She lives on North Shore drive, in Benton township.

She is a graduate of Youngstown State university, Youngstown, Ohio, received a master's degree from Kent State university, in Kent, Ohio, and has done additional graduate work at Indiana university, in Bloomington.

ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY

Locally she has served on the board of directors of the Tri-County Community Action program (Tri-CAP), Model Cities

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Dr. Lewis Asks Help Of Citizens

BH Schools Get Tough With 'Racists'

Benton Harbor high school resumed a full class schedule this morning after three days of being on a reduced attendance basis after fights broke out last Wednesday.

Today Dr. Mark E. Lewis, superintendent of Benton Harbor schools, released a prepared statement discussing the situation at the high school and related problems in Berrien county's biggest school district.

Dr. Lewis says racism, both black and white, was responsible for last week's trouble at the high school. He tells the district that "it is time for the people who want to live in this community to stand up and be counted."

Following is the full text of the Lewis statement:

I wish to take this opportunity to report to the citizens of the Benton Harbor School District on the steps which have been taken to insure a learning atmosphere at the high school. I am sure that I convey the feeling of the board when I tell you that we are very pleased with the decisive action taken by the high school administration and faculty during and after last Wednesday's altercation. Last Wednesday's disturbance was caused by two groups — a group of younger black and white students who have racist attitudes and a group of non-students. Non-students were there for the express purpose of making trouble.

'THRILL SEEKERS'

The high school student group which holds racist attitudes is not large, but it can disrupt the entire school when open conflict occurs because of the curious and the thrill seekers who flock around the trouble, and because of the difficulty of quickly marshalling enough force to control 100 or 200 belligerent students without the use of great force the police department responded quickly last Wednesday and stopped the fighting before anyone was critically injured.

Young blacks who have racist attitudes are convinced that they have a right to dominate whites and they are willing to use force to do it. Whites who have racist attitudes are determined not to let blacks get the upper hand. In between these groups is the majority of students, white and black, who want an education and who are willing to live in harmony. Unfortunately some of these innocents get hurt because the racists, both Black and White, use the cowardly tactic of ganguing up on a weak member of the opposite race.

Until the black and white people of this school district recognize that we have these racists in our midst — until we quit pointing the finger at the other fellow and recognize that each of us is responsible, we will not rid ourselves of this cancer.

Kids learn racist attitudes in the home and in the community. They bring these attitudes fully developed to the school. We are determined the trouble makers will not take over the high school.

The principal has been authorized to suspend trouble makers and to order them off the campus. Additional personnel has been assigned to the high school to speed up the suspensions and to more quickly

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C.L.R. has moved to 2016 Washington Ave., St. Joe. Retail open daily. Adv.

BY MISSIONARY UNIT

Dr. Wharton Cited In Human Relations

EAST LANSING (AP) — Dr. Clifton R. Wharton Jr., president of Michigan State University, is one of three persons honored this year for "outstanding contributions in the field of human relations" by the American Missionary Association, which represents many major religious denominations. Also receiving the group's Amistad Awards were Angie E. Brooks of Liberia, president of the United Nations General Assembly; and the Most Rev. Joseph Durick, bishop of the Diocese of Nashville. Previous award recipients include former President Lyndon B. Johnson and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.



DR. CLIFTON WHARTON
President of MSU

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BH TAX ELECTION LOSS MEANS CUT IN STAFF

Catholics Elect Two To Board

Edward Conrad and Harry Schueneman were elected to three-year terms on the Lake Michigan Catholic board of education in balloting Sunday by parishioners of Benton Harbor St. John's, Fairplain St. Bernard's and St. Joseph Catholic.

They will succeed Patrick Ryan and Atty. Thomas N. Robinson, who did not seek reelection to the board of the Twin City Catholic school system.

Vote totals were not announced. Ballots were counted last night.

Conrad and Schueneman are both members of St. Bernard's parish the smallest unit in the system. Members of the three parishes had a choice of six candidates on an at-large basis. Conrad is a vice president of Farmers and Merchants National bank. Schueneman is a Sears Roebuck salesman and farmer.

Other candidates were Ike Hampton, Mrs. Kathleen Joyner, James O'Malley and Mrs. Patricia Russell.



SJ MAYOR FOR A DAY: St. Joseph Mayor pro-tem, C. A. Tobias (right) presents key to city to Riverview Mayor J. C. Brown, at luncheon yesterday at Holiday Inn. Mrs. Brown is in center. The Browns were accompanied to St. Joseph by Riverview engineer and Mrs. Joseph Campbell, they toured the city as part of mayor exchange day of Michigan week. (Staff photo)

Schools Are Asking 7.5 Mills

Board Must Negotiate Pay With 5 Groups

If the millage election fails June 8 in the Benton Harbor school district, there will be "people cut out of this budget... lots of people," Supt. Mark Lewis said last night.

Lewis spoke at a meeting of the Citizens Advisory committee on consequences of the millage election and the impact of state aid.

The district seeks an additional 3.25 mills, plus reinstatement of an expired 4.25 mill levy for a total of 7.5 mills on June 8. This would raise about \$1,205,000. It also is estimating \$525,000 more in state aid, although the bill is still in the legislature.

\$1.37 MILLION SHORT
Raymond Sreboth, assistant superintendent for business affairs, explained the tentative school budget of \$8.98 million is \$1.37 million short of covering anticipated expenditures with no provisions for wage increases for five employee groups with whom the district must negotiate.

If the estimated state aid increase comes through and the millage passes, there will be \$358,000 left for new salary and wage agreements and the added cost of implementing split sessions next year at senior high. Most of extra expense split sessions will be transportation about \$98,000 — 75 per cent of which is reimbursable from the state, but the transportation grants from the state don't arrive until a year after the expense has been incurred.

MANY UNKNOWN
Sreboth described the unknowns in income as allocated millage from the Berrien county tax allocation board, availability of extra voted millage, the rate of state aid and the enrollment for 1970-71 on which state aid is based.

Lewis said he was hopeful that some budget cuts made this school year could be restored. However, "there's absolutely no way to restore the \$240,000 for teacher specialists at the elementary level" in art, music and physical education.

There are no provisions for crossing guards in the tentative budget, but the Tri-County Community Action program has applied for federal funds to assume this function.

Employ groups with whom the district is required by law to negotiate are teachers, custodians - maintenance, secretaries - clerks, bus drivers and a new group, teachers aides.

Mrs. James Trowbridge criticized what she termed non-essentials in the budget and cited rental of a trailer for a conference center at senior high and wondered how it was leased without board authority.

Lewis said costs of rent and conversion was \$735 and the board was informed of what he was doing and why. "If it gets to the point where the superintendent can't make a decision on a \$735 item, then we've got problems."

OVERCROWDING CITED
The split shift necessity at senior high is caused by overcrowding, Lewis explained. He said several years ago there were 2,400 students in the building and you had troubles then.

Now with 2,000 students "the problems that create these troubles have increased." Split shifts will place grades 9-12 in senior high and permit some 800 seventh and eighth graders in elementary situations to attend junior highs for a broader curriculum. Absorption of all seventh and eighth graders will be possible because ninth graders will be out of junior highs and into senior high.

ADC Father Must Pay Up

A Sawyer resident, Ronnie G. Chism, was ordered Monday in Berrien circuit court to begin paying off a \$864 arrearage for the support of one child on ADC, according to Berrien Friend to the Court John Schenck. Chism is to pay \$10 per week on the arrearage.

Chism appeared before Judge Karl P. Zick in a divorce action. He also was ordered to pay \$19 weekly for the support of the child.



GAST STARTS BIG ADDITION: Two small scoops of earth start Gast Manufacturing Corp. on way to major expansion—a \$750,000 addition that will add 60 per cent to the size of its plant on M-139, Benton township. Manning shovels are Warren Gast (left), general manager, and William Gast, president. Others at ceremony Monday, left to right: Dean Kimmerly, personnel director; Gene Brooks,

director of engineering; Allan Westmaas, secretary and controller; Ray Backus, plant superintendent; William Smits, of Herkner, Smits, Miskill & Johnson CPA; Erik Fiskars, Pearson Engineering Co., designer; Burton Pearson, Pearson Construction Co., general contractor; Herman Robandt, Gast sales manager, and Ray Wilder, Benton township supervisor. (Staff photo)

Visiting Riverview Mayor 'Entertained'

SJ Meeting Turns Into Musical Chairs

St. Joseph City Commission, with Mayor Pro-tem C. A. (Toby) Tobias wielding the baton, played musical chairs for visiting Riverview Mayor Jay C. Brown yesterday on appointments to two municipal posts.

Mayor W.H. (Duke) Elrenberg was in Riverview, a Detroit river community of 12,000 about 30 miles south of Detroit.

The commission session, held in the afternoon to accommodate the visitors, turned musical when Tobias nominated Municipal Band Director John E. N. Howard as an ex-officio member of the citizens advisory committee.

While Tobias explained that Howard's advice will be restricted to matters pertaining to the band shell, Commissioner

Warren Gast clipped off the ex-officio tag and nominated the band chief to full membership of the committee.

Ironically, Howard is a resident of Fairplain, living at 1801 Elm Terrace. Tobias had objected to the appointment of Robert Mitchell to the Twin City Airport board as a representative of St. Joseph because Mitchell does not live in St. Joseph.

Another appointment, that of Contractor Duane F. Sickles, 2205 Mount Curve, St. Joseph, to the City Planning commission, was left hanging when Commissioner Richard Glosensky failed to get a second to the nomination. Gast asked if there might be a conflict of interest involved. He said he would like to have the members of the various commissions forward their recommendations to the city commission on new appointments and that was how the Sickles nomination was left.

USE OF HANDSHELL
The appointment of Howard carries a more urgent assignment. The city commission has asked the citizens advisory group to write a set of recommendations on who can use the new handshell, rapidly nearing completion.

Howard, as one of the major contributors, and as director of the municipal band for many years, has unique knowledge of the sound system and what constitutes use and misuse of the facility.

The city commission has been



JOHN E. N. HOWARD
On Advisory Committee

asked by a committee representing young people to relax its ban on rock concerts.

Sickles was to have replaced L. J. Stock II on the planning commission. Generally the planning commission deals with zoning variations but on occasion the city will ask the planners to bring in recommendations on anything from one-way streets to urban renewal land use.

Mayor Brown, his wife, Marjorie and Riverview Engineer and Mrs. Joseph Campbell were guests of the city yesterday, touring facilities and trading comments on city problems.

UNIQUE COMMUNITY
Brown said Riverview is a town of about 12,000 persons, on four square miles. He said Riverview has unique citizenship participation with an estimated 200 persons at budget hearing two weeks ago.

Riverview is operating a sanitary landfill that has netted the city \$60,000 a year and when finished will give the city a

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BENTON TWP.

Traffic Light Okayed For Bad Intersection

The Michigan State Highway department notified Benton township officials Monday that a traffic light has been authorized for the intersection of M-139 and Empire avenue, according to Ray Wilder, township supervisor.

Installation of the traffic light is dependent upon the widening of Empire avenue approaches to provide turning lanes onto M-139. The widening of Empire avenue at the intersection would be a township responsibility.

The traffic light may be installed prior to the widening

of the Empire avenue approaches, but Wilder said he didn't know when the installation of the light would take place.

The intersection has been the site of a number of accidents and in recent months was the site of a fatal accident.

The Benton township board approved a petition for a traffic light from a group of citizens and sent it to the state highway department about a month ago, according to Wilder.

Wilder said "this is fast action on the part of the highway department."

Model Fair Housing Law Studied In SJ Township

St. Joseph township trustees assigned to Dr. John T. Manning's procedures and ordinances committee a request for enactment of a model fair housing law made last night by League of Women Voter representatives.

Supervisor Orval L. Benson said "There is no one to my knowledge in St. Joseph township that has any problem on where they want to go (to live) or move to where they want to move. I gather you are not asking us to go beyond our township but you are asking us to do something to handle grievances of people not in our township... because there is no one single person who has ever had a (housing) grievance."

REACHED CONSENSUS
Mrs. R. Craig Bell, local housing chairman, read a statement requesting the housing ordinance. Mrs. Bell said: "The

League of Women Voters of the Benton Harbor — St. Joseph Chapter has reached a consensus concerning fair housing ordinances in the local area. We feel it imperative that all governmental units reaffirm the laws of the state by enacting local fair housing ordinances based on the Michigan Model Fair Housing ordinance.

"Failure to enact local fair housing ordinances results in increased polarization and heightened racial tension. The enactment of a fair housing ordinance by St. Joseph township would reaffirm the township's willingness to abide by the laws of this state.

"A wealth of evidence demonstrating the beneficial results of fair housing ordinances in the local governmental unit is available.

"We urge your consideration and favorable action on the

matter of a fair housing ordinance. Time is of the essence if St. Joseph township is to be spared the tragedy of racial inequality."

Benson re-appointed Delbert W. Bates to another term on the Northwest Berrien County Sanitation Authority. Benson also announced the landfill will accept household debris and other trash free on May 23 and May 30. Usually a service charge is imposed at the landfill site but this will be waived for the township on those two Saturdays. The landfill is located off Crystal road north of Ross field.

COLLECTING DATA
Benson noted his office is collecting additional data to be used in the township's appeal against the county equalization report.

The township board named the Lowell Pepperel and Robert

DeVries to the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage Treatment Authority and named Carl Reschke as an alternate. The board also approved resolutions authorizing commendation proceedings against property owners holding up start of a sanitary sewer line at Niles avenue and Hickory Creek.



SAMMIE RODGERS

BH School Aide Will Take Leave

Sammie Rodgers To Attend MSU

Sammie Rodgers, coordinator of student affairs with Benton Harbor high school the past two years, is taking a year's leave of absence to attend Michigan State University.

The leave becomes effective June 23 when Rodgers departs for summer session at the college in East Lansing. The Equal Opportunities program has given him a grant to cover all finances.

Rodgers said today he will be going back to college to finish a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in school administration. He has credits towards both, but must meet on-campus course requirements.

Rodgers previously attended Lake Michigan College and Western Michigan university. In 1968, he left a position with the Berrien county juvenile department for the position at the high school.

Rodgers said he has been offered a position with the administrative offices of Central Michigan University when he completes his year's work, but his preference was employment in the Benton Harbor area.



ALBERT LEVIN

Installation Dinner Is Wednesday

Albert Levin of Benton Harbor will be reinstalled as president of B'nai B'rith Lodge 1272, Wednesday night at the club's annual dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn, St. Joseph, according to Dave Kirshenbaum.

Dinner is slated for 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by the installation of officers and a speech by Mike Rosenberg of Michigan City, Ind.

Rosenberg, a student at the University of Chicago, has lived in Israel for the past three years and recently made a trip to the Soviet Union. Title of his talk is "An Eyewitness Report from the Soviet Union."



LAST LOCK-UP: George Fusko, Stevensville electrical contractor and retailer, locks door to his store for the last time Saturday. His wife Anna watches with a smile. They have been in business for 50 years. (Betty Goetz photo)

George, Anna Fusko Closing Stevensville Electric Shop

George and Anna Fusko, Stevensville area with his family since 1917. He is still an electrical contractor but is also well known for being the oldest volunteer fireman in Berrien county. He has been giving his time to this service for 42 years and now considers

himself as only a mascot. Fusko intends to spend his free time doing more fishing.

The Fusko building was purchased by Matt Bock of St. Joseph, who will be establishing a gift shop.

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BERRIEN COURTHOUSE FULL; OFFICES RENTED



NEW WELFARE HEADQUARTERS: Former Aalite Trailer Co. plant at 1134 Crystal avenue, Benton township, will be remodelled into new headquarters for Berrien County Social Services department. The department will move entire operation from ground floor of county courthouse in St.

Joseph to new rented facility. Rent will be \$75,000 annually for 10-year lease period. New location is expected to be ready for occupancy by social services staff of 117 in about three months. District court will move into courthouse space being vacated. (Staff photo)

Welfare
Department
Is MovingCounty Board
Also Appoints
New Magistrate

Less than four years after it was first occupied, Berrien county's new courthouse has overflowed its capacity.

The county board of commissioners at its May meeting Monday approved a 10-year lease under which the county social services department will move out of the courthouse and into new rented quarters at 1134 Crystal avenue, Benton township.

District court facilities, in turn, will take over welfare offices on the ground floor of the courthouse, according to Otto Grau, chairman of the county administration committee. Plans to remodel the former News-Palladium building in downtown Benton Harbor into a district court headquarters will be shelved.

The county board yesterday approved the appointment of Miss Joyce Bucher, 34, an employee of the Benton Harbor city treasurer's office, as District Court magistrate for Area C effective June 1. She will replace the Rev. C. Wesley Gordon, who has resigned to give full time to his duties as pastor of the Union Memorial A.M.E. church. The magistrate area covers Benton Harbor, Benton township and that portion of St. Joseph township east of the St. Joseph river (Fairplain). The magistrate's office is in Goldblatt's department store at Fairplain Plaza.

Commissioners also set the date for an annexation election on a tract of 229 acres to the City of New Buffalo. The board proposed dates of either June 16 or Aug. 4 on which residents of New Buffalo city and New Buffalo township can vote. County Clerk Forrest Kesterke indicated that the vote could not be scheduled on the June date and would have to be held at the Aug. 4 primary date. The two owners of the tract, Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Co. and Barry Metals Co., have asked the city to annex the tract.

County Prosecutor Ronald Taylor, in response to a recent cry about mounting legal costs to the county, said the county judges have approved a review by his office of cases in which court-appointed attorneys are requested. His office would take a "hard line," he said, meaning it would recommend against county-supplied counsel where the defendant was able to foot the bill himself.

COURT SAVINGS

Taylor also noted the Berrien judges, since a pertinent court decision, have turned down requests for trial transcripts from indigents who made the requests after the deadline for an appeal had expired. He added the average cost of a trial transcript is around \$1,000, meaning this has saved the county some \$15,000 recently.

Cost of leasing the former Aalite Trailer Co. building as new quarters for the social services department will be \$75,000 per year, on a 10-year lease basis. The county will pay \$40,000 and the federal government the other \$35,000.

Twin City Realty Co. will remodel the building according to the requirements of the department, Grau said. The private firm will furnish heat, light, air conditioning, maintenance, snow plowing and other services, except for janitorial service which will be provided by the state.

The new welfare headquarters will have 16,000 square feet of space, compared to 11,500 in the courthouse, and the new location will have parking for 130 cars. It will have 52 office spaces and wall-to-wall carpeting.

Social services, with 117 employees, expects the building to be ready for occupancy in about three months.

OFFICE CONSOLIDATION

When social services moves out of the courthouse, the district court will consolidate from rooms scattered in several parts of the courthouse to the ground floor. Grau noted the court also will close out the courtroom it currently operates in Benton Harbor city hall.

In other actions Monday, the commissioners: Received the annual report of the Berrien County Road commission from Engineer-Manager Heath Calvin. The



COMMISSIONERS SAY THANKS: Berrien county commissioners Monday called on former Berrien Sheriff Erwin Kubath (left) and present Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell to help say thanks with a formal resolution, an orchid and \$130 to Miss Anna E. Schroeder, who retired last month after almost 18 years as county jail cook. She began the job when Kubath was sheriff. (Staff photo)



MISS JOYCE BUCHER
New Magistrate

latter reported a total of \$1,149,000 was spent on construction and maintenance of secondary roads in the past year and \$1,151,168 on the primary road system.

Approved the application of the county planning commission for a federal grant of \$15,660 for the third-year phase of developing a comprehensive land use plan for the county. The planning commission will provide another \$7,840, a one-third matching share, through a portion of the salary paid the county planning director plus \$840 in cash from its budget.

PARKING FINES

Adopted a schedule of fines for parking violations in the courthouse parking lots. The fine will be \$2 if paid within five days, \$3 if paid between the fifth and 10th days. After 10 days the prosecutor's office will issue a warrant.

Offered a moment of silence and a resolution of sympathy to the family and friends of Benton Township Police Sgt. Robert L. Stevens, 36, slain on duty April 29.

Heard a plea from a spokesman for the county public libraries, Niles Atty. Murray Campbell, for a change in the fine and cost system of the county's courts that short-changes the libraries. Their revenues, the fines levied in court, were down sharply in 1969 as judges emphasized costs instead of fines, Campbell said. The issue was referred to the county administration committee.

Heard County Clerk Forrest Kesterke report the state tax commission has accepted the New Buffalo township appeal of the recently adopted 1970 county tax equalization spread. But, according to the tax commission, appealing townships of Lincoln, Coloma, Chikaming and St. Joseph must within 15 days file detailed substantiation of their charges that the tax spread is discriminatory. Appeals of the four townships have been "accepted by evaluation" only.

Commissioners also adopted resolutions supporting state legislative bills that would: Change the tax valuation of mobile homes to that of real property rather than the flat \$33 a year tax per lot now collected; allow municipalities to appeal property tax assessments directly to the state tax commission rather than through the county clerk; and permit boards of county commissioners to publish summaries of meetings rather than full reports.

Eau Claire Will
Ask Six MillsSchool Election Scheduled
For June 8

EAU CLAIRE—The Eau Claire school board Monday evening approved a request for 6 mills operating tax to be voted upon June 8.

That request includes the renewal of a 5-mill levy that expired last December plus one additional mill.

That brings to 24,898 the amount of mills the board feels it needs to operate its schools.

The school board also voted to spread the debt retirement obligation across the entire district. This will place some of that load on the districts of Eureka, Shanghai, IXL and North Maple grove. They are all Pipestone township district schools which annexed to the Eau Claire system about three years ago.

SEWER CONTRACT

A contract for construction to connect the high school with the village's sanitary sewer system was awarded to the construction firm of Wagner and Crawford of Benton Harbor. That firm submitted the lowest of four bids, with a price of \$1,879.

At the request of the schools' non-teaching employees, the board will sit with that group May 25 to open mediation on wages and age requirements. This meeting will be closed to the public.

A report to the board revealed that the school district has purchased two new school buses at a total cost of \$17,348. Two bus chassis will be purchased from Ashley Ford agency, Benton Harbor, at a cost of \$4,055 each. Two 66-passenger bus bodies will be purchased from a Lansing company at a cost of \$4,589 each.

BEGIN CONTRACT PLANS

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The trustees also approved a motion to continue accepting tuition students from three other districts: River district in Sodus township, Riverside district in Hagar township, and Wood district, near Bangor. About 40 high school students are involved.

In a final action the board approved the payment of bills totaling \$7,158.

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HARTFORD—In a special meeting last night, the Hartford board of education voted to submit a \$2,350,000 building program to construct a new middle school to district voters in the annual school election June 8.

The board last week learned the district had received state approval to hold the election and last night set the June 8 date.

The proposed new middle school would be built on a site already owned by the district close to the present high school and the North elementary school creating a campus setting of buildings in a cluster.

Van Buren Camp Site
Offering Its Facilities
BLOOMINGDALE—The administration of Van Buren Youth Camp is offering to make the camp's facilities available for private charter in April and May, September and October. The camp, located on Great Bear lake, has accommodations for 128 persons in unheated cabins, and for 50 persons in heated facilities. The facilities lend themselves well to meetings, family reunions, church retreats, day camping and conferences, according to K. V. Washburn Jr., route 2, Lawton, who is camp director.

Buchanan Schedules Ballot
On Two-Mill Building Fund

BUCHANAN—The Buchanan board of education last night voted to submit a proposal to levy two mills for two years for the building and site fund to voters in the annual school election June 8.

If approved, the two mills would be used for the purchase of a site for a future new high school building and for the repair of current buildings.

The proposed levy would replace a similar levy which expired with the December, 1968, tax collections.

The board announced that the school district has permission to use the city's electronic voting devices for the school election and the IBM department of Inter-City Bank in Benton Harbor will be the counting center.

Meeting in the Moccasin school, the board extended its appreciation to Mrs. Helen Chain, principal, for the work she has done. Next fall, she plans to return to classroom teaching at the junior high level.

Mrs. Chain reported on the Moccasin school which has an enrollment of 488 children and a staff of 20 teachers. She reported on ungraded primary program which is in its second year at Moccasin and involves nine teachers and about 200 students. She said some of the weaknesses in the program include a too varied age difference in some classrooms which has caused some discipline problems. She added some students are not going to succeed in mastering the primary level during the three and four years provided.

She reported space is needed for special services such as special testing and library classes have to be rearranged for space. She said instrumental music classes have had to meet one day per week in the shower room and said next year the classes will have to meet in the shower room two days a week.

In other business, the board certified 157 senior students for graduation on the recommendation of high school principal Donald Trull.

TEACHERS RESIGN

Resignations were accepted from Miss Lauren Drake, first grade teacher at Moccasin; and from Mrs. Miriam Sundstrom, special education teacher at Moccasin. Mrs. Sundstrom was suspended by the board in April after she was arrested and charged by Benton Harbor police on charge of soliciting for an act of prostitution. She later pleaded innocent to the charge in Fifth District Court.

A one-year leave of absence was granted to Mrs. Georgia Rothfuchs.

Three retiring teachers were

given the board's appreciation for service to the district. They are Mrs. Orpha Andrews, special education teacher who has been in the district for the past 13 years; Mrs. Dorothy Hamilton, transitional room teacher, who has been in the system for the past 10 years; and Mrs. Marion Taggeri, kindergarten, in the district for the past 15 years.

FEDERAL APPROVAL

Norman Kreaeger, assistant superintendent, reported federal approval has been received on the district's application to purchase equipment through the Title III program of the National Defense Education Act, under which the district will be reimbursed one-half the cost of the items. To be purchased are three movie projectors, three microscopes, nine tape recorders, six overhead projectors and three audiotapes record players at a total cost of \$3,468.

William Fischer, Harold C. Stark school principal, presented recommendations and proposed programs for the Title I program for elementary and secondary education for next year.

Election inspectors for the June 8 election were approved. They are Mrs. Ethel Forbes and Mrs. Betty Furner, co-chairmen; Mrs. Doris Boyer, Mrs. Lula Backus, Mrs. Henrietta Miller, Mrs. Dorothy Martin, Miss Ethel Beistle, Mrs. Martha Ferris, Mrs. Hazel Welch, Mrs. Ina Kane, Mrs. Esther Hamilton and Mrs. Eva Clark Alternates are Mrs. Katherine Kingery and Mrs. Joyce Dreitzler.

Bills totaling \$132,273, including \$112,868 for salaries, were approved for payment.

Capital Budget
Set At \$90,000South Haven Hospital
Spending Okayed

SOUTH HAVEN—A \$90,000 plant fund budget for capital improvements and equipment acquisition during fiscal 1970-71 was approved by the South Haven Community Hospital board of trustees Monday night.

The major portion of the plant fund budget revenue will be derived from special millage approved by hospital authority residents last November.

Major items in the budget will include construction of an incinerator \$22,000, beds and cribs \$10,000, sterilizer \$2,500, intensive care unit \$28,000 and eye surgery equipment \$4,700.

Other items will include two electric typewriters \$1,000, water heater \$2,500, yard lights \$1,300, flooring \$2,500, suction machines \$400, wheel chairs \$1,800, shoulder wheel \$800, miscellaneous major movable equipment \$5,000, emergency room stretcher \$800, incubator \$1,500 and postal meter \$1,500.

In other action the board tabled two proposed amendments to the hospital's bylaws that would limit the authority of

the administrator. One proposed amendment would require the written consent of the administrator, board of trustees chairman and the hospital's legal counsel before any employee contract for responsibilities not within the approved job classification could be initiated.

The other amendment would limit the administrator's authority to make certain expenditures without board approval.

Food Stamps
For Strikers?Some Whirlpool Families
May Be Eligible

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Food stamps, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's food subsidy program for low-income families, may be in the offering for some of the 1,800 workers striking Whirlpool Corp. St. Joseph division.

A union committee from Local 1918, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) which struck Whirlpool May 11 met with Berrien County Social Services department officials Monday for general information on the food stamp program.

Another meeting is expected next week, according to a social services spokesman.

MAY BE ELIGIBLE

"Strikers, if they meet the other criteria for food stamps, are eligible," Social Services Director Wesley P. Bowerman said Monday. "This is federal law."

He said records on past strikes here show usually 20 per cent of striking employees who apply for stamps are eligible.

Eligibility is based on total family income and liquid assets. A family of four, for example, cannot have family income exceeding \$200 a month and liquid assets, stocks, bonds, savings — cannot top \$1,000.

Those eligible can buy food stamps at local banks often at a ratio of \$3 in stamps for \$2 in cash. The stamps then are redeemed at food stores for food.

Bowerman was unable to say

if any Whirlpool strikers had drawn food stamps yet because of the number — 10,000 — of clients the Berrien welfare department serves each month.

However, he said, Whirlpool workers likely would not be eligible for food stamps until June 1 because of their final two weeks' pay plus strike pay. The exception might be men with extremely large families.

ORDERLY PROCESS

Social Services is not taking food stamp applications from Whirlpool employees right now "because we're working out procedures with a committee of Whirlpool union employees for a smooth, orderly process of application," Bowerman said.

The head of the household would apply at social services, document his income and liquid assets, and if eligible buy stamps based on family size and income at local banks on a monthly basis, Bowerman said.

Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
May 19th State Police count
This year 718
Last year 765

CLAIM REGISTRATION

Potawatomi Indians
To Meet In Dowagiac

DOWAGIAC—All Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and neighboring states are being called to a membership meeting of Potawatomi Indian Nation, Inc., at Union high school, here, Sunday, May 24.

Michael Wilson, tribal secretary, said the meeting was called to register all Potawatomi Indians interested in claims now being processed through the U. S. Indian Claims commission.

The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. The school is located across from the National Guard armory.